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SUBJ: QATARI OIL MINISTER DISCOUNTS REPORTED IMMINENCE OF 100
PERCENT TAKEOVER

REF: DOHA 0539

1. DURING MAY 12 CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR, GOQ MINISTER
OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL THANI
DESCRIBED RECENT PRESS STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM BY PRESS
RE IMMINENCE OF 100 PERCENT TAKEOVER OF REMAINING OIL COMPANY
ASSETS AS DISTORTIONS, PERHAPS PROMPTED BY THOSE WHO WISHED TO
TROUBLE COMPANY/GOVERNMENT RELATIONS. ABDUL AZIZ SPECIFICALLY
DENIED PRESS REPORTS CITING AGREED UPON \$35 MILLION COMPENSATION
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FOR SHELL ASSETS. HE SAID NEGOTIATIONS HAD HARDLY REACHED

STATE OF DISCUSSING DEFINITE FIGURES.

2. RE POSSIBILITY THAT GOQ MIGHT UNILATERALLY DECLARE 100 PERCENT TAKEOVER LEAVING NEGOTIATION OF DETAILS FOR LATER, ABDUL AZIZ INDICATED THAT QATARIS HAD NO RPT NO INTENTION OF DOING THIS. HE RECALLED THAT HE HIMSELF HAD PERSONALLY STATED PUBLICLY IN DECEMBER GOQ'S INTENTION OF ACHIEVING 100 PERCENT OWNERSHIP OF OIL PRODUCTION IN QATAR, AND THAT LOGICALLY, NEXT GOVT STATEMENT ON SUBJECT WOULD COME WHEN AGREEMENT WITH COMPANIES WAS CONCLUDED. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT TALKS WITH COMPANIES IN VERY PRELIMINARY STAGE, BUT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.
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